United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas

## **ENTERED**

December 05, 2023 Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	§	
	§	Case No. 22-60043
FREE SPEECH SYSTEMS, LLC.,	§	Chapter 11 (Subchapter V)
	§	
Debtor.	§	

# ORDER APPROVING EMPLOYMENT OF RED BALLOON LLC AS EXECUTIVE RECRUITER FOR THE DEBTOR

Come on for consideration the application of the Debtor for entry of an order (this "Order") authorizing the employment of Red Balloon LLC ("RED BALLOON") as Executive Recruiter for the Debtor (the "Application"). The Court having reviewed the Application, finds that (i) it has jurisdiction over the matters raised in the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (ii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); (iii) the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate and its creditors and relief under Rule 6003 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure approving employment of RED BALLOON is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm; (iv) RED BALLOON is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined under Bankruptcy Code section 101(14) as modified by Bankruptcy Code section 1107(b); (v) proper and adequate notice of the Application has been given and no other or further notice is necessary; and (vi) upon the record herein after due deliberation thereon good and sufficient cause exists for the granting of the relief as set forth herein; it is hereby,

## ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.
- 2. Pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor, as debtor and debtor in possession, is authorized to employ and retain the RED BALLOON as its executive recruiter, in accordance with the Application, the Youngren Declaration, and this Order, to perform the services described therein.

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3. In connection with the Chapter 11 Case, the RED BALLOON shall be compensated for

professional services rendered, and reimbursed for expenses incurred, in accordance with Bankruptcy Code

sections 330 and 331, the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules and Local Bankruptcy Rules, and

with any other applicable procedures and orders of this Court.

4. The Debtor is hereby authorized to pay Red Balloon a non-refundable service fee of \$4,500

for each of the two positions for which it is engaged to identify qualified candidates.

5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the

implementation of this Order.

Signed: December 05, 2023

Christopher Lopez

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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In re: Case No. 22-60043-cml

Free Speech Systems LLC Chapter 11

Official Committee of Unsecured Creditor

Debtors

# CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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Recip ID		Recipient Name and Address
db	+	Free Speech Systems LLC, 3019 Alvin Devane Blvd. STE 300, Austin, TX 78741-7417
aty		Kyung Shik Lee, Shannon & Lee LLP, Pennzoil Place-Suite 1300, HOUSTON, TX 77027, UNITED STATES
aty	+	Richard A. Cochrane, Caldwell Cassady Curry PC, 2121 N. Pearl St., Ste. 1200, Dallas, TX 75201-2494
aty	+	Shannon & Lee LLP, 700 Milam Street, STE 1300, Houston, TX 77002-2736
aty	+	Vida Robinson, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019-6031
intp	+	Alex E Jones, c/o Jordan & Ortiz PC, 500 N Shoreline Blvd, Ste 900, Corpus Christi, TX 78401-0658
cr	+	Ally Bank, c/o Quilling, Selander, et al, 2001 Bryan Street, Suite 1800, Dallas, TX 75201-3070
cr	+	David Wheeler, et al., c/o Cain & Skarnulis PLLC, 303 Colorado Street, Suite 2850, Austin, TX 78701-0137
cr	+	Elevated Solutions Group, LLC, c/o Walker & Patterson, P.C., P.O. Box 61301, Houston, TX 77208-1301
cr	+	Reeves Law, PLLC, 702 Rio Grande St., Ste. 203, Austin, TX 78701-2720
cr	+	Richard M. Coan, c/o Cain & Skarnulis PLLC, 303 Colorado Street, Suite 2850, Austin, TX 78701-0137
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crcm	+ Email/Text: mbrimmage@akingump.com	Dec 06 2023 20:15:00	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Alexa, c/o Marty L. Brimmage, Jr., Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 2300 N. Field Street, Suite 1800, Dallas, TX 75201-4675
cr	+ Email/Text: lemaster@slollp.com	Dec 06 2023 20:15:00	PQPR Holdings Limited, LLC, c/o Streusand Landon Ozburn & Lemmon LLP, attn: Stephen Lemmon, 1801 S. Mopac Expressway, Suite 320, Austin, TX 78746-9817
cr	^ MEBN	Dec 06 2023 20:15:32	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Revenue Acco, Christopher J. Dylla, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, TX 78711-2548
cr	+ Email/Text: BKECF@traviscountytx.gov	Dec 06 2023 20:15:00	Travis County, c/o Jason A. Starks, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767-1748

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cr		ADP TotalSource, Inc.
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res		Cicack Holdings, LLC
intp		David Ross Jones
op		Marc Schwartz
op		Marc Schwartz
op		Schwartz Associates, LLC
op		Schwartz and Associates, LLC
intp		Shelby A Jordan
intp		Sweetwater Holdings Group, Inc.
op		W. Marc Schwartz
cr	##+	Leonard Pozner, c/o McDowell Hetherington LLP, Attention: Avi Moshenberg, 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 2700, Houston, TX 77002-6774
cr	##+	Marcel Fontaine, c/o McDowell Hetherington LLP, Attention: Avi Moshenberg, 1001 Fannin, Suite 2700, Houston, TX 77002-6774
cr	##+	Neil Heslin, c/o McDowell Hetherington LLP, Attention: Avi Moshenberg, 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 2700, Houston, TX 77002-6774
cr	##+	Scarlett Lewis, c/o McDowell Hetherington LLP, Attention: Avi Moshenberg, 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 2700, Houston, TX 77002-6774
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# **NOTICE CERTIFICATION**

I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Signature: /s/Gustava Winters
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